

Project Factsheet for: Illinois River Ecosystem Restoration

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Project Location Information

Location: Entire Illinois River Basin including tributaries. The Illinois River and waterway flows southwest across Illinois connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River.

River Basin(s): Illinois

State(s): WI, IL

Congressional District(s): IL-13, IL-11, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-19, IL-2, IL-3, WI-1, WI-5

Status

The Illinois River Basin Comprehensive Plan was completed in March 2007.

Description

In August 2000, the State of Illinois and the Corps of Engineers entered into a cost-sharing agreement to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration of this nationally-significant river system. The study emphasizes identifying and evaluating restoration activities related to the State of Illinois' Integrated Management Plan for the Illinois River Watershed and Illinois Rivers 2020 Initiative. The Illinois River Basin has experienced the loss of ecological integrity due to sedimentation of backwaters and side channels, degradation of tributary streams, fluctuations in hydrologic regimes and water levels, loss of floodplain and tributary connectivity, and other adverse impacts caused by human activity. Alternatives have been developed that include watershed/tributary restoration, side channel and backwater restoration, water level management, and floodplain restoration and protection. A joint report is being finalized to address this authority and the related Illinois River Basin Restoration Sec 519 (WRDA 2000) project. The study involves the efforts of four districts (Rock Island, St. Louis, Chicago, and Detroit).

Summarized Financial Data

Federal Cost	\$2,157,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$2,157,000
Total Cost	\$4,314,000
Allocations through FY 2006	\$2,157,000
Tentative Workplan Allocations for FY 2007	0
Budget Request for FY 2008	\$0
Balance to Complete after FY 2008	\$0

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2007: Final Approval of the Feasibility Report, a joint document with the Illinois River Basin Comprehensive Plan occurred in May 2007.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2008: No FY 2008 funding is required. Limited carry over funds will be utilized to finalize and close out the Comprehensive Plan/Feasibility Report.

Authority

GI - General Investigations -- General Investigations Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 with supplemental authority from Section 519 (Illinois River Basin Restoration) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

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